

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 897

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mikalyn Hunt on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Mikalyn Hunt of Hamblen County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, through AmeriCorps, Mikalyn Hunt has served for a year and a half at the Ministerial Association Temporary Shelter (MATS), a self-sufficiency program for the homeless population in Morristown, interacting with clients and providing them with information and basic needs assistance; she also fundraises and volunteers within the organization in many ways; and

WHEREAS, the residents and staff at MATS enjoy Ms. Hunt's outgoing personality and her problem-solving abilities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this service, Mikalyn Hunt actively volunteers with the Central Services Holiday Hope Fund, the Head Start program, and Morristown Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hunt is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Mikalyn Hunt for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.